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While families may handle problems differently, families can develop the following traits to become strong and to improve the quality of life and the development of children. Families learn how to show love and affection towards each other. And no matter what children say or do, children need to know that their parents love them. Children must know that they are loved even though they have different strengths or weaknesses. And when children make mistakes, parents can let them know they are loved as they help them to discover how to learn from mistakes.

Strong families build trusting relationships by demonstrating commitment to all the members of the family. This includes following through with promises, working as a team, and talking to one another about important decisions and daily plans.

All families experience crisis, but strong families use these experiences to learn and to grow. Family members should spend time together talking, reading, playing games, and taking walks. They should encourage each other and be involved in their neighborhoods and community.

A National Families and Children's Day will encourage families to embrace these traits and will highlight the important role all families play in the lives of children and their positive effect for the Nation's future.

It is so unfortunate that there are millions of children in our country who don't have the ability to experience on a daily basis, on a regular basis, on an ongoing basis the love and care of a stable family relationship; children who are institutionalized or children who move from one foster situation to another. Hopefully, as we continue to learn how to enhance and improve the quality of life, we will better learn how to strengthen and develop family structures and the reality that strong families help make for a strong Nation.

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 763.

This resolution passed out of my committee with unanimous consent on May 4th and has support from Members on both sides of the aisle.

This resolution supports the goals and ideals of a national children and families day to encourage adults to support and listen to their children to help them achieve their hopes and dreams.

Being a parent is the toughest job an individual will ever have, but it is important to recognize that strong, healthy families improve the quality of life and the development of children.

In today's fast-paced society, and with so many demands placed on adults and children alike, it is important to take the time out and recognize the basic necessity of encouraging our Nation's youth as they are the future of this great Nation.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, I urge passage,

and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 763.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### COMMENDING AMERICAN CRAFT BREWERS

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 753) commending American craft brewers.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 753

Whereas American craft brewers are a vibrant affirmation and expression of American entrepreneurial traditions, operating as community-based small businesses and providing employment for more than 33,000 workers;

Whereas the United States has craft brewers in every State and more than 1,300 craft brewers nationwide;

Whereas American craft brewers support American agriculture by purchasing barley, malt, and hops grown, processed, and distributed in the United States;

Whereas American craft brewers promote the Nation's spirit of independence through a renaissance in hand-crafted beers like those first brought to colonial shores by European settlers and produced here by the Nation's founding fathers, including George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, for the enjoyment of the citizenry;

Whereas American craft brewers strive to educate legal drinking-age Americans about the differences in beer flavor, aroma, color, alcohol content, body, and other complex variables, as well as historic brewing traditions, beer history, and gastronomic qualities of beer;

Whereas American craft brewers champion the message of responsible enjoyment to their customers and work within their communities to prevent alcohol abuse and underage drinking;

Whereas American craft brewers produce more than 100 distinct styles of flavorful beers, the quality and diversity of which have made the United States the envy of every beer-drinking nation in the world, thereby contributing to balanced trade by reducing American dependence on imported beers, supporting American exports, and promoting United States tourism;

Whereas American craft brewers are vested in the future, health, and welfare of their communities as employers providing a diverse array of quality local jobs, as contributors to the local tax base, and as committed sponsors of a broad range of vital community institutions and philanthropic causes, including parent-teachers' associations, Junior ROTC, children's hospitals, chambers of commerce, humane societies, rescue squads, athletic teams, and disease research; and

Whereas, in 2006, American craft brewers recognize the week of May 15–21 as American Craft Beer Week and mark it as a time to educate Americans about craft beer and celebrate the contributions that American craft brewers have made to the Nation's communities, economy, and history: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the establishment of American Craft Beer Week as a celebration of the contributions that American craft brewers have made to the Nation's communities, economy, and history; and

(2) commends American craft brewers for providing jobs, improving the balance of trade, supporting American agriculture, and educating Americans about the history and culture of beer while promoting the responsible consumption of beer as a beverage of moderation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the resolution now under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. BOEHLERT).

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for yielding, and I rise today to recognize and congratulate America's craft brewers, one of the most vibrant and fast growing class of small businesses in America.

Craft brewers are entrepreneurs and hobbyists who create distinctive beverages in small independent breweries across the country. They represent the best in American ideals by combining a spirit of industrious entrepreneurship with a commitment to quality and civic responsibility. The result is a unique product that continues an enduring American tradition of home brewing that can be traced back to George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.

Craft brewers have come a long way since then. Today, there are over 1,300 independent breweries throughout the country, and their numbers are continuing to grow. For the second straight year, craft beer is the fastest growing segment of the U.S. alcoholic beverage industry. In 2005, craft beer experienced a 9 percent increase in volume, nearly triple that of the growth experienced in the wine and spirits industry.

This industry occupies an important niche in our economy and its continued growth is beneficial to our communities. Not only do craft brewers provide over 33,000 of our constituents with quality jobs, they also support our agricultural economy by purchasing barley and malt and hops grown, processed, and shipped domestically. Furthermore, with over 100 diverse and flavorful beverages, craft brewers' beverages have attracted an international following that has strengthened and increased U.S. beer exports.

In my district, the F.X. Matt Brewing Company has become an integral part of our community. For 118 years, this regional brewery has continually reinvented itself and today is most famous for its line of Saranac beer. The brewery's capacity to respond to market changes and customer demands have ensured its continued ability to provide over 100 high-quality manufacturing jobs in an area that has experienced a decline in this sector.

Continuing the tradition of attention to the local community, the F.X. Matt Brewing Company fosters local pride and involvement through their association with the Boilermaker 15K Road Race, one of the finest in America, which culminates in an area-wide celebration at the brewery, and by hosting what we call "Saranac Thursdays" throughout the summer, from which all the proceeds benefit the United Way.

Craft brewers live and work in the community where their products are made, which underlies their continued commitment to local charitable and philanthropic institutions. They have supported children's hospitals, humane societies, chambers of commerce, disease research, and parent-teachers association. In short, they are just good citizens. Craft brewers are committed to promoting the safe and moderate consumption of their beverage, and work closely with their communities to prevent underage drinking and alcohol abuse.

American craft brewers are a testament to this country's entrepreneurial and community-based small businesses tradition, and I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the unique contributions they have made to our culture and economy by supporting this resolution.

Just let me make one last observation. Some people might say, watching the proceedings of this House, why are they spending time on resolutions like this when there are so many really pressing issues facing the Nation? And the answer is very simple. This is a small portion of our legislative week set aside for resolutions just like the ones we are discussing, important to America, not of grand importance, not everybody is concerned about them, but important to certain segments of America.

Tomorrow, we go on with the appropriations bills to discuss things like the war on terrorism. We dealt with homeland security today. We deal day in and day out with critically important issues, but I think it is just proper that we pause on occasion and dedicate a few minutes to saluting, as I am saluting the small brewers of America, and you can salute any small business you want to. They add to the very fabric of our Nation, and I am proud to identify with it.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join with the gentleman from New York in

commending American craft brewers. America's brewing landscape began to change during the late 1970s when the traditions and styles of brewing brought to our country by immigrants from all over the world began to disappear. Highly effective marketing campaigns were changing America's beer preference to light-adjunct lager. Low-calorie beers soon began driving and shaping the growth and nature of the American brewing industry.

The home brewing hobby began to thrive as American beer drinkers began brewing their own beer so that they could experience the beer traditions and styles of other countries. Those home brewing roots gave birth to what we now call the "craft brewing" industry. Today, American craft-brewed beer is an all-malt beer that is higher in calories and has greater flavor and aroma than the light beers of the 1970s.

Made by any one of America's 1,458 small regional microbreweries, our pub breweries, craft brewers produced 6.23 million barrels, or 3 percent, of the beer consumed in the American States in 2001. American craft brewers are small community-based businesses that employ 33,000 workers and exemplify the American entrepreneurial spirit.

Since 1978, the American craft beer industry has never lost market share. Craft brewers have succeeded in expanding the minds of beer consumers and in creating and establishing a niche in the American consumer market. Today's American beer consumers continue to provide support to the craft beer market.

Again, I join with the gentleman from New York and the gentleman from California in commending the home brewers, as many people like to call them, but the people who make their own so they can sip it, and taste it, and know what it is like before it is finished.

Mr. Speaker, I support this resolution, urge its passage, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I will close in two important ways. One is to, first, urge all of my colleagues here and already at home tonight to vote for this resolution. I think it sets the right balance on an important segment of our craft industry. Much more than an alcohol industry, this is about the right of the small operation to do something that is a time-honored tradition.

Secondly, I would like to reiterate in the best possible terms why this time we spend here in the evening is different. Most of our colleagues have gone home for the evening or gone to their dinners, but, in fact, Members will choose to come here and take time that otherwise these Chambers would be dark to talk about issues that don't affect all of America but affect some part of America or their district, and I believe that this is the right balance.

I continue to support the idea that we should bring resolutions on suspensions to the floor when they are not

controversial but important to segments of our economy.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 753.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### RECOGNIZING 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VICTORY OF UNITED STATES WINEMAKERS AT 1976 PARIS WINE TASTING

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 399) recognizing the 30th anniversary of the victory of United States winemakers at the 1976 Paris Wine Tasting.

The Clerk read as follows:

#### H. CON. RES. 399

Whereas on May 24th, 1976 in Paris, France, the premier wines of California and France were judged in a blind taste test by leading French wine experts;

Whereas the winning red wine was the 1973 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars SLV Napa Valley Cabernet crafted by winemaker Warren Winiarski;

Whereas the winning white wine was the 1973 Chateau Montelena Napa Valley Chardonnay crafted by winemaker Miljenko "Mike" Grgich;

Whereas this event became known as the Tasting Heard 'Round the World, and heralded the beginning of the rise to preeminence of California wines;

Whereas the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History has placed bottles of the winning wines in its permanent collection;

Whereas wines from all over the United States are now enjoyed all over the world; and

Whereas the domestic wine industry now contributes over \$50 billion a year to the United States economy: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That Congress—*

(1) recognizes and honors the 30th Anniversary of the California victory at the 1976 Paris Wine Tasting; and

(2) recognizes the historical significance of this event to the United States wine industry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the resolution now under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.